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SUBJECT: TICKER ITEM, UP, JULY 2, 1975

FOR AL FOR THE SECRETARY FROM BREMER

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UPI TICKER TODAY: QUOTE

A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY OF ISRAELIS WANT THEIR GOVERNMENT TO RESIST ANY U.S. PRESSURE TO GIVE UP STRATEGIC MOUNTAIN PASSES IN THE SINAI DESERT AS PART OF AN INTERIM PEACE ACCORD WITH EGYPT, A PUBLIC OPINION POLL REPORTED TODAY. THE SURVEY, RELEASED IN TEL AVIV BY THE DAHAF POLLING INSTITUTE, SAID 66.2 PERCENT OF THOSE QUESTIONED FAVOR QUOTE A HARD-LINE RESPONSE TO AMERICAN PRESSURE TO QUIT THE SINAI PASSES UNQUOTE. OF THAT PERCENTAGE, 53 PERCENT SAID THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD STAND FIRM AGAINST U.S. PRESSURE EVEN IF IT MEANT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH WASHINGTON. ISRAELI LEADERS HAVE REFUSED SO FAR TO GIVE UP THE MITLA AND GIDI PASSES UNLESS EGYPT SIGNS A FORMAL PLEDGE OF NONBELLIGERENCY. CAIRO HAS REFUSED TO MAKE SUCH A GUARANTEE. THE TEL AVIV NEWSPAPER YEDIOTH AHRONOTH REPORTED THAT U.S. OFFICIALS ARE EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES OF AN ALTERNATE TROOP WITHDRAWAL LINE IN SINAI THAT MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT. END

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